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- 1. I HAVE REVIEWED REFTELS AND AGREE THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO APPROACH MOBUTU ALONG THE LINES OF REF (A). THERE IS THE RISK, POINTED OUT IN REF (C), THAT A STRONG US DEMARCHE AT THIS TIME IN THE CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC REFORM COULD BE SEEN BY MOBUTU AS UNDUE PRESSURE TO ACCEPT WHAT HE PERCEIVES AS HARSH IMF CONDITIONS IMPINGING ON ZAIRE'S SOVEREIGNTY. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN THE OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF THE LONDON ACCORDS/IMF PROGRAM, I THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT WE WEIGH IN AT THIS TIME.
- 2. I AM ACCORDINGLY REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT. IN THE MEANTIME, I SUGGEST THAT DEMARCHES IN THE EUROPEAN CAPITALS BE HELD OFF UNTIL AFTER, RPT AFTER, I HAVE SEEN MOBUTU AND WE HAVE A CHANCE TO GAUGE HIS REACTION. CUTLER

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